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The Prez Sez...
By Dan KI6X

I am heading out on vacation as the month starts so this article will be brief this time so I can get it to the editor. Again, please read through this newsletter, the "RF", to see what is going on, went on, or is planned.

Now that it is after Field Day, all the vacations over the summer are finishing, and the basic laziness that happens this season is ending, we get ready for the October auction.

You will see more information next month on this event but we are currently looking for an Auctioneer.

Information on the auction will be provided to all participants and include the how-to sell, how-to buy, and the rules for the auction itself.

We will try to keep the auction moving with enough helpers to bring the equipment out "on stage" and with the additional financial volunteers needed to track the selling, buying, and the closing out of accounts at the conclusion of the event.

Invite friends. It is always a good time!

Instead of spending a lot of time trying to find a picture of myself in my archives for this article, I will take one early into my vacation and send to the editor.

So, no detailed description on this month's picture since I do not know what it is as this is written. It will probably be on the road in Colorado or Nebraska.

Dan Violette, KI6X
President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Renalynne Funtanilla

Presents
"Fire Watch"

August 21st, 2026, at 7pm
at the
American Red Cross
Orange County Chapter
Santa Ana, Room 208

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, September 5th, 2026

See www.w6ze.org for more info

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Monthly Events

Membership Meetings*
Time: 7:00 PM
When: 3rd Friday of each Month
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana
(Replaced by the Christmas Party in December.)

Board Meetings
First Saturday of each Month
Board will handle Club business now IN-PERSON.

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB
Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM
Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB
Tue @ 8:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

Other Nets

Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA)
147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL
Monday - Friday
9:00AM & 9:00PM
Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC
COME JOIN US

OCARC 2026 DUES:

Membership period is:
1 January to 31 December

Individual New or Renewal:	$30
Family New or Renewal:	$45
Teen New or Renewal:	$15

***New Member Dues** are prorated quarterly and includes a badge:*

Additional Badges[1]	$3

Use one of our interactive online forms to calculate current prices, join, renew, or order badges:

https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html

[1] $3 or less + mailing. See form.

August Speaker Spotlight

Renalynn Funtanilla OC Fire Watch

Renalynn Funtanilla with OC Fire Watch Chief Radio Officer Ray Hutchinson, AE6H

This month we are pleased to have Renalynn Funtanilla, the Program Coordinator for the OC Fire Watch program, as our speaker (**in person**). Her passion for humanitarian work led her into the nonprofit field. In 2011, she moved from the Bay Area to Orange County to study Public Health at the University of California, Irvine. By cultivating relationships with community-based organizations and volunteers, she has been able to steward and train others to become advocates in their community.

Presentation Description: Wildfires in Southern California are different: In Orange County, wildfires are driven by extreme wind conditions making wind-blown embers our greatest risk to our community and wildlands. Learn more about how the OC Fire Watch program utilizes over 300 volunteers to support wildfire prevention efforts within Orange County.

RadioActivity
August/September 2026

Upcoming Activities:

August

- **North American QSO Party, SSB:** 1800 UTC Saturday August 1 through 0559 UTC Sunday August 2.
- **WAE DX Contest, CW:** 0000 UTC Saturday August 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday August 10.
- **U.S. Islands QSO Party:** 1200 UTC Saturday August 29 through 0300 UTC Sunday August 30.
- **World Wide Digi DX Contest:** 1200 UTC Saturday August 29 through 1200 UTC Sunday August 30.

September

- **WAE DX Contest, SSB:** 0000 UTC Saturday Sept. 12 through 2359 UTC Monday Sept.13.
- **ARRL September VHF Contest:** 1800 UTC Saturday August 12 through 0300 UTC Monday September 14.
- **North American Sprint, CW:** 0000 UTC to 0400 UTC Sunday September 13.

October

- **California QSO Party**
  1600 UTC Oct. 3 through 2200 UTC Sunday Oct. 4.
  Note: When submitting logs for CQP indicate your club affiliation as "Orange County ARC"

State QSO Parties:

- **Maryland-DC QSO Party:** 1400 UTC Saturday August 8 through 0400 UTC Sunday August 9.
- **Hawaii QSO Party:** 1600 UTC Saturday August 22 through 0400 UTC Monday August 24.
- **Ohio QSO Party:** 1600 UTC Saturday August 22 through 0400 UTC Sunday August 23.
- **Kansas QSO Party:** 1400 UTC Saturday August 22 through 0200 UTC Sunday August 23 and 1400 UTC through 2000 UTC August 23.
- **Tennessee QSO Party:** 1700 UTC Sunday Sept. 6 through 0300 UTC Monday Sept. 7.
- **Colorado QSO Party:** 1300 UTC Saturday August 12 through 0359 UTC Sunday August 13.

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fray** Every Tuesday night at 0230 UTC to 0300 UTC
- **SKCC** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200 UTC Sat. to 2359 UTC Sunday.
- **SKCC** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000 UTC to 0200 UTC on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **CWops** Every Wednesday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Thursday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC
- **K1USN Slow Speed Test:** (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Friday 2000 UTC to 2100 UTC Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday
- **ICWC Medium Speed Test:** (CW, 25WPM Max. Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC

OCARC Club Nets:

- **75 Meter Net:** Every Tuesday night at 8:00pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- **10 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 7:30pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375MHz
- **2 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

Other Links:

- ARRL Contest Calendar
- VOACAP Online for Ham Radio

Send an email to *Ron W6WG, w6wg@w6ze.org to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.*

OCARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 1, 2026

Meeting held at the Streamliner Lounge, 186 Atchison Street, Orange, CA, and called to order by President, Dan KI6X, at 8:16AM. All Board members present except for Activities Director, Corey KE6YHX, and Director-at-Large, AJ W6OTO. One visitor, Bob AF6C, was present.

No reports provided by Vice-President, Secretary, Publicity, or Technical. Treasurer, Tim N6TMT, will open a second CD for the funds from the W6NGO Trust Fund, and has encountered some difficulties at the bank, which requires all three signatories to proceed and to remove Nicholas AF6CF from the current signature group. Tim will follow up with a different connection at the bank. Membership Chairman, Ron W6WG, reports current membership at 112 and discussed with Bob AF6C how to send properly the membership files for the website. Director-at-Large Dave N3BKV reports the license renewal script seems to have been a success, and currently no renewals are in process. Dave has provided via email data on usage of the remote station, including the fact that over 55% has been CW, over 80% on 20m afternoons and evenings, and most active on Saturdays.

MONTHLY PLANNER REVIEW:
State Form SI-100 needs to be filed with the State by the end of August (all even years). Treasurer, Tim N6TMT, will do so by end of this month. Auction personnel planning discussions held under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:
Newsletter Editors: August, Tom AK6GR; September, Tim N6TMT; Dan will contact Corey KE6YHX to confirm whether he can fill the editor spot in October; November, Ron W6WG.

Entertainment: The August meeting will feature Renalynne Funtanilla of the Irvine Nature Conservancy on Firewatch. Tim N6GP will reconfirm a presentation on EME for September. October will be the annual Auction.

Storage Locker Cleanup for Auction: Ron W6WG will check in with Nicholas AF6CF regarding items stored in his local facility. A meeting to begin sorting for items for the upcoming auction will be on Saturday, August 22, at the storage locker, time to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:
Custom Shirts: Ron W6WG suggested the club consider orange t-shirts, providing photos, with club call on the front and club name on the back as unique identifiers for club members participating in group events, and is checking into more specifics like material, sizes, and costs.

Auction Planning: Our former auctioneer Bob, AK6R, is unable to attend this year, so the event is in need of an auctioneer, multiple people to cover the financials, and someone to ferry the equipment to the front of the room and into a temporary storage area after purchase, as well as someone to oversee items get delivered to the correct purchaser. Tim N6GP, Tim N6TMT, and probably Corey KE6YHX will handle financials. Michael KO6FAR offered a laptop with a more recent Office App for ease of use since there were problems last year with the older software program. Dan KI6X, Bob AF6C, and Janet KL7MF will handle movement of the equipment. It was also suggested that the auctioneer use a microphone. Bob AF6C may have something applicable, and Tim N6GP will bring a karaoke set. Meeting temporarily paused at 8:50AM for breakfast and restarted at 9:12AM.

GOOD OF THE CLUB:
Tim N6GP proposed a committee to research a good sound set up for Zoom meetings to better sync the audio to cover the entire meeting room properly. Tim N6TMT found an example of a Zoom set up online. Dave N3BKV and Tim N6GP will work on perhaps a less expensive idea of a sound board, two sets of speakers, and an amp and report findings at the next meeting.

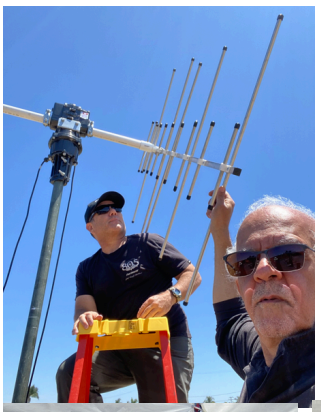
Bob AF6C, entertained suggestions as to replacing the center section of the webpage with something different than the Winter Field Day video that is currently showing. Any particular YouTube video, an audio clip of some sort, any number of Jean Shepherd (W9GWN) recordings: It's time to change it up.

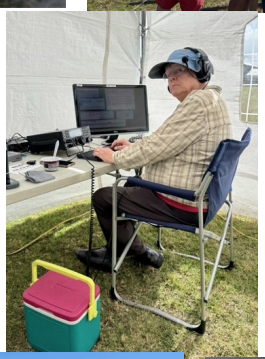
Ron W6WG, had multiple items to discuss related to Field Day: Brian KO6MMM, donated a Linux computer and other accessories, and Ron and Dave N3BKV will work together to try to perfect networking N1MM and/or N3FJP on it. N1MM is better for networking, but N3FJP is more user-friendly but has some bugs when networking. Ron W6WG, will be updating the 40m dipole structure into something more stable for FD, and will construct at least one more so there's one on the phone tower as well. Whether or not to use ladder line or coax would be determined by discussions with Bob AA6PW about available tuners. Ron W6WG, contacted the school district supervisor about using one of the portable units the school has at the FD site for storage of the club's FD equipment. The supervisor suggested a 20 ft container at the district administration offices for about $1 a year might be possible. Ron provided club information to help sweeten the pot. Ron W6WG, also suggested since we are using only 30 ft each of the club's two towers that we consider getting gone more 14 ft straight section of the aluminum Universal model #4-50, giving us three 30 ft towers instead of two. Janet KL7MF, will check local tower/ antenna service people and other sources for availability. Ron W6WG, also suggested the club consider keeping some of the equipment that gets donated to us from estates for use at Field Day rather than move it all at the auction or put up for sale at a club meeting.

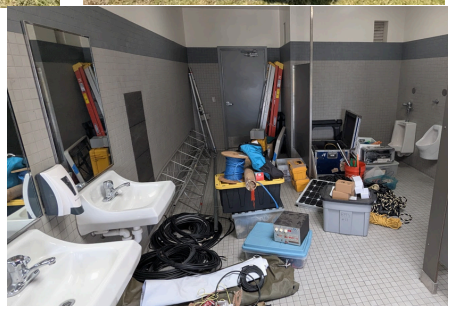
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35AM.

Submitted by OCARC Secretary, Janet Margelli, KL7MF

Field Day 2026







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OK W6ZE:
KICK BUTT!

Reminder: Winter Field Day is only 5 months away!!!

VE Report

On Friday July 17, 2026 we had one candidate who took the test for Technician. The new Technician is Eric Mabry (KO6OPE). For those looking to register for testing, the link is https://hamstudy.org/sessions/W6KOS-OC/all.

Select the date and fill in the requested information. The app will let VE Team know that you have registered. Congratulations to the passing candidate from the VE exam team. Ken Simpson W6KOS (Team Lead)

Monthly Cashflow Report

Cash Flow 1/1/2026- 7/31/2026	
INFLOWS	OUTFLOWS
Badge Income 5.00	Archive Supply 34.77
Donation 5369.75	FD Tent Rental 285.00
Dues 2026 750.00	Field Day – Equip 467.58
Dues, PayPal 2026 1462.50	Lazer Pointer 35.55
Equipment Sales 350.00	PayPal Fees 68.59
Interest Inc 256.60	Prizes 391.54
Opp Drwg Income 187.00	Refreshments Expense 260.85
Refreshments Income 238.37	Software License 77.88
	Speakers Meal Reimburse 49.06
	Storage Equip. 325.00
	Website 201.95
	WFD Food 130.00
	WFD Gift 22.00
	WFD Propane 77.65
	WFD Tent Rental 220.00
TOTAL INFLOWS 8,619.22	TOTAL OUTFLOWS 2677.31
	OVERALL TOTAL 5941.92

New OCARC Members
2026

JANUARY

KJ6ZEY	Chris Chubbuck
AK6RC	Morgan Fine
KK6OYR	Gregorio Valdivia
K6QQP	Randy Poth N
N6IRN	Sepehr Sahraian
KM6RTE	Scott MacGillivray K
KO6LJY	Josh Berk

FEBRUARY

KO6DUT	Debra Campbell

MARCH

KO6MZU	Bijan Ghofranian
KO6MMM	Brian Langley

JUNE

K6AJY	Bryan Turner
KO6MRX	Jamieson Hopkins

JULY

KO6OAH	David Nicholes
KO6JSL	John Garza

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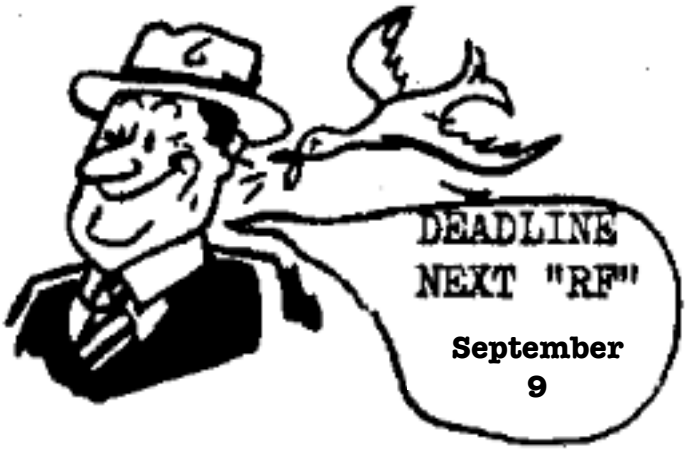

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